GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF WHEAT FROM AUSTRALIA
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat imported from Australia based AWB company should not be procured as it is not as per prescribed standards;

(b) if so, whether State Trading Corporation(STC) has again accepted AWB tenders in the newly invited tenders;

(c) if so, the reasons for again accepting AWB tender despite sub-standard supply of wheat; and

(d) whether the Government will conduct any inquiry into this wheat import deal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a)&b): No, Sir. State Trading Corporation (STC) accepted the tender of AWB

(Geneva), SA on competitive terms as it conformed to the prescribed standards.

c)&d): Does not arise.